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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 7/21/05.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 19, 20, 28–30, 35–36, 38, 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cushion et al (WO 99/23800), previously cited.

–Regarding to claim 19, Cushion et al disclose a communication device (10,12) comprises a body (10) and an attached cover (12) having an aperture (30), wherein the device has a closed configuration in which portions of the body are covered (see Fig. 4) and an open configuration in which at least some of the portions covered in the closed configuration are uncovered (see Fig. 3), the body comprising:

a receiver (transceiver) which receives data via radio transmissions (see page 2, line 22, page 6, lines 15–16);

a display (24) operative independently of whether the cover is in the closed or open configuration and positioned such that in the open configuration the display is uncovered and positioned such that in the closed configuration the aperture is substantially aligned with the display so that at least a portion of the display is visible to a user through the aperture (see Fig. 3 and 4, page 6, lines 32–36); and

the display (24) to show received data as text, wherein when the device is in the closed configuration the processor provides the received text to the user as text which streams through the visible portion of the display (page 6, line 14 to page 7, line 3).

In Cushion et al, a processor, associated with the receiver and the display, is inherently included in order to manage in receiving a received message from the receiver and displaying the receive message in the display (see (24) of figure 1, page 2, lines 22–30) in such a way that the processor controls the display to show received data as text wherein when the device is in

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the closed configuration the processor provides the receiver text the user as text which streams through the visible portion of the display (see (24) of figure 3).

He does not disclose whether the processor control the display in the closed configuration with or without user repeated input. However, he teaches a special key (34), in closed configuration, can be implemented to be used by the user to select all options (inherently including options of displaying) available with the device. It would have been obvious for a person skilled in the art, at the time of the invention was made, within his skills and upon his design preference, to selectively implement Cushion et al processor, display and special key, as taught by Cushion et al, in such a way that the processor controls the display, via user input through the special key, to show received data as text wherein when the device is in the closed configuration the processor provides the receiver text the user as text which streams, with or without repeated user input, through the visible portion of the display so that the device is able to receive and display the messages properly.

–Regarding to claim 20, Cushion et al disclose a device wherein the text is provided as a single line of text which streams across the visible portion (see Fig. 1 and 3).

–Regarding to claim 28, Cushion et al disclose a device wherein the cover is a flip cover, which rotates about a hinge (14, 16) when moved between the first and second configurations (see Fig. 1 and 2).

–Regarding to claim 29, Cushion et al does not specifically disclose the portions of the body covered in the closed configuration and exposed in the open configuration include those portions of the display, which are not the visible portions of the display.

However, Cushion et al disclose a device wherein the portions of the body (10) covered in the closed configuration and exposed in the open configuration (30) include those portions of the display (24), which are the visible portions of the display (see Fig. 1 and 3).

It would have been obvious matter of design choice to modify the open configuration or viewing window (30) which can make the portion of display is invisible, since such a modification would have been involved a mere change in

the size/shape of a component. A change in size/shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. In re Rose, 105 USPQ 237.

–Regarding to claim 30, Cushion et al disclose a device comprising a user input (20, 34) wherein the portions of the body covered in the closed configuration and exposed in the open configuration include a user input means (34) (see Fig. 3).

–Regarding to claim 35, Cushion et al disclose a device is portable (see Fig. 4).

–Regarding to claim 36, Cushion et al disclose a device functions as a radiotelephone (a transceiver transmits/receives voice and/or data signals, see page 6, line 16 and Fig. 2).

–Regarding to claim 38, Cushion et al disclose a communication device (10,12) comprises a body (10) and an attached cover (12) having an aperture (30), wherein the device has a closed configuration in which portions of the body are covered (see Fig. 4) and an open configuration in which at least some of the portions covered in the closed configuration are uncovered (see Fig. 3), the body comprising:

a receiver (transceiver) which receives data via radio transmissions (see page 2, line 22, page 6, lines 15–16);

a display (24) operative independently of whether the cover is in the closed or open configuration and positioned such that in the open configuration the display is uncovered and positioned such that in the closed configuration the aperture is substantially aligned with the display so that at least a portion of the display is visible to a user through the aperture (see Fig. 3 and 4, page 6, lines 32–36); and

the display (24) to show received data as text, wherein when the device is in the closed configuration the processor provides the received text to the user as text which streams through the visible portion of the display (page 6, line 14 to page 7, line 3).

In Cushion et al, a processor, associated with the receiver and the display, is inherently included in order to manage in receiving a received message from the receiver and displaying the receive message in the display (see (24) of figure 1, page 2, lines 22–30) in such a way that the processor controls the display to show received data as text wherein when the device is in

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the closed configuration the processor provides the receiver text the user as text which streams through the visible portion of the display (see (24) of figure 3).

He does not disclose that when the device is in the closed configuration, a single actuation of a user input key causes the processor to provide the received text to the user through the vision portion of the display.

However, he teaches a special key (34), in closed configuration, can be implemented to be used by the user to select all options (inherently including options of displaying) available with the device. It would have been obvious for a person skilled in the art, at the time of the invention was made, within his skills and upon his design preference, to selectively implement Cushion et al processor, display and special key, as taught by Cushion et al, in such a way that when the device is in the closed configuration, a single actuation of the special key, operated by a user, causes the processor to provide the received text to the user through the vision portion of the display so that the device is able to receive and display the messages properly.

-Claim 39 is rejected with similar reasons set forth for claims 19 and 38.

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3. Claims 21–27, 31–34, 37 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cushion et al (WO 99/23800) in view of Azartash et al (WO 99/21343), previously cited.

–Regarding to claim 21, Cushion et al does not disclose the movement of the cover from the open position to the closed position to continue to display the text but to change the format in which the text is displayed.

Azartash et al disclose the movement of the cover from the open position to the closed position to continue to display the text but to change the format in which the text is displayed (from opened to closed position, the text format will be magnified with the order of 1.5 to 2.5) (see page 3, lines 27–28).

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to modify the viewing window with magnifying lens, as taught by Azartash et al, so that the user can see better.

–Regarding to claim 22, claim 22 is rejected with the similar reason as set forth in claim 21.

–Regarding to claims 23 and 25, Cushion et al disclose a device wherein the format in which the text is displayed is static (see Fig. 1), stream (using a

cross-switch (34) to scroll text message UP and DOWN) and occupies multiple lines (see Fig. 1 and 3).

–Regarding to claim 24, claim 24 is rejected with the similar reason as set forth in claim 23.

–Regarding to claims 26 and 27, Cushion et al does not specifically disclose the cover is opaque and transparent material.

Azartash et al disclose a device wherein the cover is opaque and covered by protective transparent material (see page 3, lines 29–30).

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement the material, as taught by Azartash et al, so that the user can see clear.

Regarding to claims 31 and 32, Cushion et al disclose device wherein the received data is a text message (see Fig. 1 and 3).

He does not disclose caller ID or information concerning incoming call.

Azartash et al disclose information concerning an unanswered incoming call (caller ID, see page 4, line 34).

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement the alerting/paging to the user, as taught by Azartash et al, in order to alert the

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user before receiving the data so that the user can decide to accept/reject the cal.

–Regarding to claims 33 and 34, Cushion et al disclose a device comprising a button (34), which has a function to activate the receiving text data.

He does not specifically disclose alerting the user to receive the text data.

Azartash et al disclose that alerting (paging or caller ID) the user to receive the data, the user can see any paging information appearing in the display (34) via window (44), the cover (36) does not have to be flipped open to obtain such information. When a call is to be answered, the user simply flips open the cover (36) to activate the phone (see page 4, lines 33–37).

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement the alerting/paging to the user, as taught by Azartash et al, in order to alert the user before receiving the data so that the user can decide to accept/reject the call or seeing the message.

–Regarding to claim 37, Cushion et al does not disclose a device is a palm device with an input user interface without an alphanumeric/numeric keypad.

Azartash et al disclose a device, which is sized, to fit within the palm of a hand and have an input user interface without an alphanumeric/numeric keypad (see page 1, lines 36–37).

It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement a mobile phone to fit within the palm, as taught by Azartash et al, so that the user can be able to put it into the pocket.

–Claim 40 is rejected with similar reasons set forth for claims 19 and 21.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 7/21/05 have been fully considered but claims 19–40, after being amended or newly added, are deemed not overcome the previously cited references with reasons set forth in the rejections to the respective claims in this Office Action.

Conclusion

5. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanh D. Phu whose telephone number is (571)272-7857. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on (571)272-7876. The

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fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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